

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1353 - SB 1495

February 18, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts Hamilton County from the requirement that the county medical examiner serve a five-year term and then be eligible for reappointment by the county mayor and legislative body and from the requirement that autopsies be performed in a National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) accredited facility.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Expenditures - Cost Avoidance – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- According to the Hamilton County Medical Examiner's Office, autopsies are currently performed in a facility with provisional NAME accreditation. To achieve full accreditation, the office would be required to implement changes such as hiring additional staff. These changes are expected to increase local expenditures at least \$100,000.
- Exempting the office from full accreditation would result in a cost avoidance exceeding \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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